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SAM ALEXANDER'S FATHER, **JESSE**, WAS A MEMBER OF THE ELITE **BLACK NOVA** CORPS. MONTHS AGO, HE DISAPPEARED, AND SAM HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DON HIS FATHER'S HELMET AND SEARCH FOR HIM. HE'S TRAVELLED ACROSS THE GALAXY, ENCOUNTERED SPACE MONSTERS, AND EVEN FOUGHT AN EVIL CLONE OF HIS FATHER, BUT IS NO CLOSER TO BRINGING HIM HOME. WITH THE TRAIL GONE COLD, SAM HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO KEEP SEARCHING THE COSMOS AS NOVA – THE HUMAN ROCKET!

RECENTLY, NOVA AND THE REST OF THE SUPER HERO COMMUNITY STOPPED AN ALIEN INVASION THANKS TO THE PRECOGNATIVE VISION OF A NEW INHUMAN NAMED ULYSSES. DESPITE BEING A FORCE ON THE BATTLEFIELD, SAM HAS STARTED TO FEEL INCREASINGLY ISOLATED FROM HIS **AVENGERS** TEAMMATES. HE HAS COME TO NEW YORK CITY IN THE HOPES OF RECONNECTING WITH THEM...

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NEW YORK! THE TIME OF YOUR SUBJUGATION IS NOW!
BOW BEFORE YOUR NEW MASTER! THE KING OF THE UNDERWORLD!
MOLE MONSTER!
...
WHERE ARE ALL THE SUPER HEROES?

YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW.
NO ONE IS ANSWERING THEIR COMMS TODAY.
CHOOM CHOOM CHOOM CHOOM
YOU AGAIN?! THE SNIVELING BABY?!
SHOULDN'T YOU BE AT HOME WEEPING ABOUT YOUR FATHER?
I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO GO AT LEAST ONE DAY WITHOUT HAVING TO TALK ABOUT MY DAD.
NOW THAT'S THE SPIRIT! I'M THROUGH THINKING ABOUT MY FATHER, TOO. I'VE BESTED THAT DECAYING FOSSIL IN EVERY SINGLE WAY!
THAT WORTHLESS HUSK IS ROTTING AWAY IN MY KINGDOM'S DUNGEONS WHILE I DO WHAT HE NEVER DID -- TAKE OVER THE SURFACE WORLD CITY OF NEW YORK!
SPIDER-MAN, COME IN!
CHOOM
MS. MARVEL?!
IS ANYBODY RECEIVING THIS?! I COULD REALLY USE SOME HELP HERE!
CHOOM
CHOOM CHOOM
CRUSH
NOBODY'S COMING TO SAVE YOU THIS TIME, CHILD!
CHOOM
ARRGH!
CHOOM

THIS IS AN EMBARRASSMENT. AREN'T THERE ANY REAL HEROES TO GIVE ME A CHALLENGE?
I AM A REAL HERO.
IF YOU'RE SUCH A REAL HERO, THEN WHY AREN'T ANY OF YOUR HERO FRIENDS HERE TO HELP YOU?!
IF THEY CAN SEE THE FUTURE, WHY ARE YOU ALONE?
THANKS TO THE INHUMAN, WE'VE STOPPED OVER A DOZEN INCIDENTS BEFORE THEY HAPPENED.
YOU'LL FORGIVE ME IF I DON'T GET INTO DETAILS.
LIVE FACT CHANNEL

I DON'T KNOW...
THE ONE THING I DO KNOW IS...
FSHHAM
HOP
CHOOM
CHOOM
CHOOM
CHOOM

...I DON'T NEED THEM TO TAKE YOU DOWN.

WHOA!
FSHHAM
FSHHAM
FSHHAM
FSHHAM
FSHHAM
FSHHAM
ARGH!
NOOO!
HELP ME, MY WARRIORS! RETREAT!

I AM A REAL HERO.
AHHHHH!
ROOOAR
OH, CRAP. THAT THING IS STILL RAMPAGING...
I GUESS I COULD USE SOME HELP WITH THAT...

AHHHHH!
RUN!
WHAT IS THAT THING?!
GAME OVER
OH, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU PEOPLE SO AFRAID OF?
WHATEVER IT IS, THE SUPER HEROES WILL SHOW UP AND TAKE CARE OF IT. THEY ALWAYS DO.
SMASH
SEE? AND HERE'S ONE NOW.

TOUGH DAY?
TOUGH YEAR.

HEH. AND WHICH YEAR IS THIS FOR YOU? YOU LOOK FAIRLY YOUNG UNDER THAT HELMET.
I'M FIFTEEN.
ALWAYS PULLING THEM IN YOUNGER AND YOUNGER. IT'S DESPICABLE, REALLY.

YOU BY YOURSELF? OR ARE YOU WITH THE AVENGERS OR SOMETHING?
YOU A NEW AVENGER, OR A YOUNG ONE, OR A WEST COAST ONE, MAYBE?
I'M NOT SURE WHICH ONES ARE DOING STUFF THESE DAYS.

DUDE, I DON'T REALLY HAVE TIME FOR THESE QUESTIONS RIGHT NOW. IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, THERE'S A HUGE MONSTER OUTSIDE DESTROYING NEW YORK.

IT'S CALLED GENTRIFICATION, KID.

WHATEVER, MAN, THERE'RE PEOPLE OUT THERE IN TROUBLE.
PEOPLE ARE *ALWAYS* IN TROUBLE.
YOU'LL BE BETTER OFF ONCE YOU LEARN TO TUNE IT ALL OUT LIKE I FINALLY DID.
ARE YOU A SUPER HERO?
BARELY.
YEAH... I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.

THE END
OW...
THAT WAS UNPLEASANT.
NO...
THIS SPILT BEER, IT IS... IT IS... IT IS A METAPHOR FOR...
FOR...
IT IS A METAPHOR FOR...
WELL, IT'S GOT TO BE A METAPHOR FOR SOMETHING.
UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T THINK OF WHAT THAT WOULD BE.
I'M NOT VERY BRIGHT.
BUT I AM VERY STRONG. AND NOW I AM VERY ANGRY.

COME ON, SUPER HERO...
LET'S GO ☠☠☠☠ SOME ☠☠☠☠ UP.

SMACK
CRASH

KRAK
POW

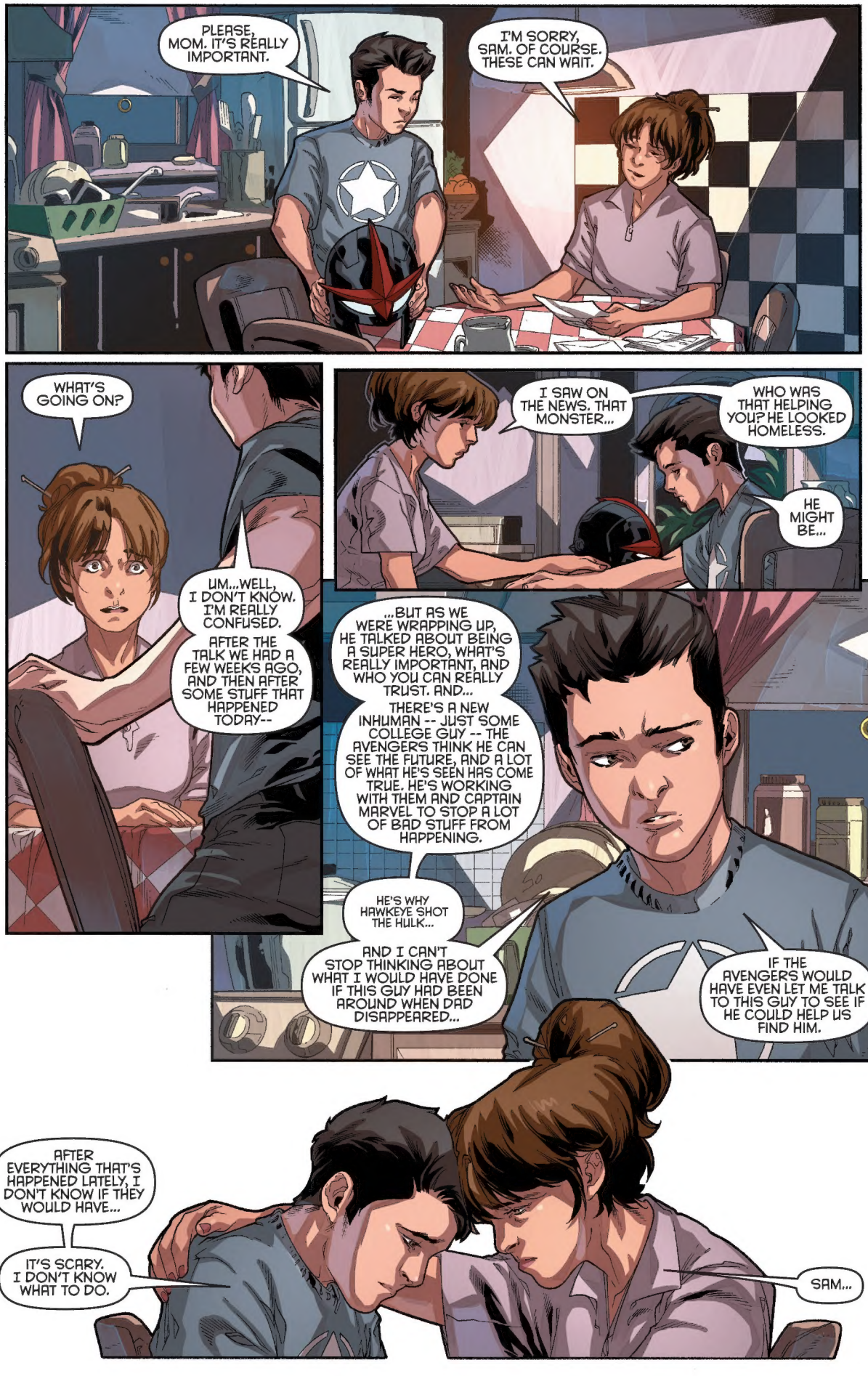
I DON'T KNOW.
THANKS FOR THE HELP, UH...UM, I'M SORRY, WHAT'S YOUR NAME AGAIN?

MY NAME IS THE CAPTAIN.
THE CAPTAIN? THE CAPTAIN OF WHAT?
IT'S JUST THE CAPTAIN.
I'M SORRY. I'VE NEVER HEARD OF YOU BEFORE.
WERE YOU EVER ON A TEAM, OR WERE YOU MORE OF A SOLO KIND OF GUY?
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF SOMETHING CALLED NEXTWAVE?
NO...?
AH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. NEXTWAVE HASN'T REALLY BEEN A THING IN A LONG TIME.
SO, YOU'RE NOT A SUPER HERO ANYMORE?
NAH.
ALREADY PLENTY OF 'EM FLYING AROUND THESE DAYS.

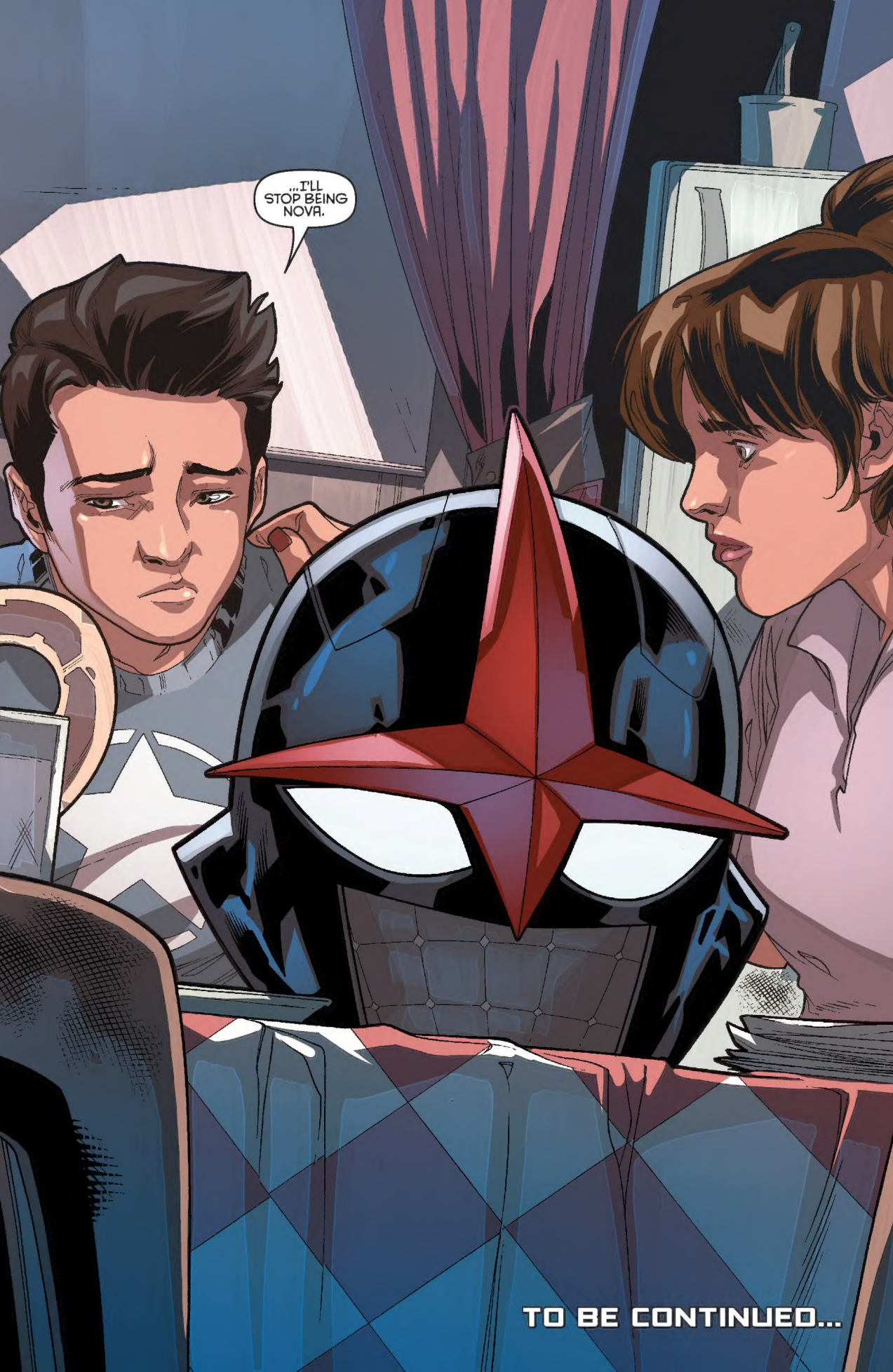
ALWAYS MORE THAN ENOUGH *WEBBED WONDERS* OR *SENTINELS OF LIBERTY* FIGHTING CRIME IN THIS TOWN.
NOT TODAY, THERE WEREN'T.
WELL, THAT MONSTER'S OUT OF COMMISSION, SO EVIDENTLY THERE *WERE.*
DID YOUR SUPER HERO FRIENDS LET YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ALL DISAPPEARED TO?
NO, BUT...
WELL, THAT SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT. BUNCH OF SELF-IMPORTANT ☠☠☠☠, IF YOU ASK ME.
YOU KNOW, *CAPTAIN AMERICA* ONCE BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF ME AND LEFT ME IN A DUMPSTER? TRUE STORY.
REALLY? CAPTAIN AMERICA?
HE MIGHT SEEM LIKE A KINDLY OLD MAN, BUT HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND ME.
I'M SORRY, WHAT IS YOUR NAME? WHAT DO PEOPLE CALL YOU?
NOVA.
NOVA.
LISTEN UP, NOVA.

DOING THIS KIND OF WORK, IT AIN'T WORTH THE TROUBLE. SURE, I MEAN, YOU GET TO HIT THINGS SUPER HARD, BUT THEY JUST END UP HITTING BACK SUPER HARDER.
THEY USE YOU UP, THEY NEVER APPRECIATE YOU, AND THEN THEY JUST FORGET ABOUT YOU AND LEAVE YOU IN A DUMPSTER. THIS LIFE CHEWS YOU UP AND SPITS YOU OUT. YOU CAN'T TRUST ANY OF THEM. I ONLY KNOW OF ONE PERSON IN THIS ENTIRE WORLD I KNOW I CAN TRUST.
WHO?
MYSELF.
GET OUT WHILE YOU CAN, NOVA.
FOCUS ON WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.
AND WHAT'S THAT?
THAT'S UP TO YOU.

LATER.
CAREFREE, ARIZONA.
MOM?
MOM, ARE YOU UP?
I'M IN HERE, SAM.
CAN WE TALK?
I'M A LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW, SAM. I'VE PUT SOME OF THESE BILLS OFF FOR FAR TOO LONG.
CAN WE TALK IN THE MORNING?


PLEASE, MOM. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.
I'M SORRY, SAM. OF COURSE. THESE CAN WAIT.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
UM...WELL, I DON'T KNOW. I'M REALLY CONFUSED.
AFTER THE TALK WE HAD A FEW WEEKS AGO, AND THEN AFTER SOME STUFF THAT HAPPENED TODAY--
I SAW ON THE NEWS. THAT MONSTER...
WHO WAS THAT HELPING YOU? HE LOOKED HOMELESS.
HE MIGHT BE...
...BUT AS WE WERE WRAPPING UP, HE TALKED ABOUT BEING A SUPER HERO, WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, AND WHO YOU CAN REALLY TRUST. AND...
THERE'S A NEW INHUMAN -- JUST SOME COLLEGE GUY -- THE AVENGERS THINK HE CAN SEE THE FUTURE, AND A LOT OF WHAT HE'S SEEN HAS COME TRUE. HE'S WORKING WITH THEM AND CAPTAIN MARVEL TO STOP A LOT OF BAD STUFF FROM HAPPENING.
HE'S WHY HAWKEYE SHOT THE HULK...
AND I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE IF THIS GUY HAD BEEN AROUND WHEN DAD DISAPPEARED...
IF THE AVENGERS WOULD HAVE EVEN LET ME TALK TO THIS GUY TO SEE IF HE COULD HELP US FIND HIM.
AFTER EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED LATELY, I DON'T KNOW IF THEY WOULD HAVE...
IT'S SCARY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
SAM...

I TRIED TO CONTACT MY TEAMMATES, I WAS THINKING THEY COULD HELP ME... BUT I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE ANY OF THEM WERE. I FELT SO ALONE.
I NEED TO FIGURE THIS OUT ON MY OWN. I *OWE* IT TO YOU TO FIGURE THIS OUT.
DO YOU REMEMBER HOW YOU SAID I NEEDED TO FIND OUT WHAT'S POWERING MY HELMET?
YES...
THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO DO.
BUT IF I CAN'T FIND IT...
THEN, I PROMISE...


...I'LL STOP BEING NOVA.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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NOVA NO MORE?

LET US KNOW HOW WE'RE DOING!
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